

REMARKS

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect one of two perceived patentably distinct species -- **FIG 1** and **FIG. 6** -- for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable. Currently, as noted by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic and reads on both species.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the species depicted in **FIG. 1** and submit that claims readable thereon include claims **1-54** and **78-80**.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1352.

Respectfully submitted,



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